Supply of gas to Power and Fertilizer Industry

1980. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

the quantum of gas which will be explored daily from the D6 Block of KG Basin by a private contractor; and

the quantum of gas which will be supplied to Government owned companies in the gas to Power and Fertilizer sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) The contractor would produce initially @ 40 Million Standard Cubic Metres per day (MMSCMD) of gas which will gradually increase to plateau production @ 80 MMSCMD, from the D-6 Block in KG Basin.

(b) As per the Production Sharing Contract (PSC), the contractor has the freedom to sell gas in the domestic market on "arms-length" basis. The price discovered through this process would be applicable to all sectors uniformly. The prioritization of consuming sectors will be as per the Gas Utilization Policy of the Government.

Setting up of refinery by Kuwait Petroleum

1981.SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

whether the Kuwait-Petroleum proposes to set up an integrated oil refinery in India;

if so, the details thereof, *inter-alia* indicating the size of project and its location; and

whether it is an export-oriented unit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Queries on contract

1982. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

whether the office of the Cabinet Secretary has raised certain queries on the proposals of the Ministry to award the contract to develop the Ratna-R-Series oil field off Mumbai to ONGC and its consortium partners;

if so, whether the queries have been resolved;

if so, whether the said resolving of the queries include a change in the applicable rates of levy pertaining to cess and royalty;

if so, the details of the contentious issues resolved and the changes made in the contract if any; and

if not, the reasons for not solving the queries raised by the office of Cabinet Secretary?